



## Committee Charter Election

### Committee Purpose

The Election Committee is a standing committee and shall be responsible for fairly administering the elections by the membership of national officers and positions on the Board of Directors, for deciding issues raised and encountered during the conduct of elections, and for overseeing balloting on other matters brought before the membership. Among its duties, the Election Committee will validate the submissions of all candidates for nomination by petition; and will enforce such electoral rules not inconsistent with the Bylaws as the Board of Directors may adopt; will make such additional electoral rules as are necessary and not inconsistent with rules adopted by the Board of Director or specified in the Bylaws; will decide challenges to qualifications of candidates and compliance with election procedures; will provide for the distribution, validation and tallying of ballots; will certify the results of elections; and shall arbitrate, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, the grievances of any interested party concerning electoral procedures.

### Committee Composition

The Election Committee shall consist of five members, four of whom are elected by the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting and one athlete selected by athletes as provided in these Bylaws. Each member of the Election Committee, however chosen, shall serve a term of one year commencing with adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, but shall continue to serve until his or her successor has been elected and qualified. If there is a vacancy on the Election Committee, the body that selected the member who is no longer serving shall elect a successor. No person may serve on the Election Committee who is candidate for office or other elected position within the USFA or who holds a position for which an election or preparations for an election can be reasonably anticipated while such person is a member of the Election Committee, provided that any person who irrevocably renounces his or her right to seek reelection is not disqualified from service. The Election Committee will select one of its members to serve as chair on an annual basis.

#### Note on Proceedings:

The proceedings of the Committee shall be open, except for deliberations in arbitration and consultations with counsel concerning legal matters within the protection of the attorney-client privilege. Meetings shall be announced with sufficient advance notice that candidates or their representatives may, at their own expense, attend in person or by electronic means.